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SUBJECT: VICTORIA FALLS CLAIM--CROTHERS CLAIM

REF: LUSAKA 177

1. WHILE REMAINING OPEN TO IDEA THAT PRESENCE OF ATTORNEY FROM LEGAL ADVISOR'S STAFF MAY PROVE USEFUL IN FACILITATING SOLUTION CROTHERS CASE, DEPARTMENT PREFERS THAT EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT AT THIS STAGE IMPLY IN PROPOSED NOTE THAT USG WILL SEND ATTORNEY TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS. FIRST DISCUSSION OR MEETING WITH MOFA ON CROTHERS CASE LIKELY RESULT EITHER IN REQUEST THAT U.S. SIDE PROPOSE SPECIFIC SUM FOR SETTLEMENT OR IN GRZ OFFER OF SPECIFIC SUM. IN EITHER EVENTUALITY DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO CONSULT CROTHERS BEFORE ANY RESPONSE CAN BE MADE. CROTHERS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER. IN VIEW ABOVE, DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER TO HOLD OFF SENDING ATTORNEY AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER INITIAL EXPLORATORY MEETING. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, IF DECISION TAKEN TO SEND MEMBER LEGAL ADVISOR'S STAFF TO LUSAKA, IT UNLIKELY ATTORNEY COULD DEVOTE MORE THAN TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS (INCLUDING TRAVEL TIME) TO CASE. THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS BE HANDLED BY AMBASSADOR AND/OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER AND THAT OPTION OF SENDING ATTORNEY BE RESERVED FOR LATER STAGE OF CASE WHEN PRESENCE ATTORNEY MIGHT HELP TO CLARIFY

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2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED FOR NOTE.

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